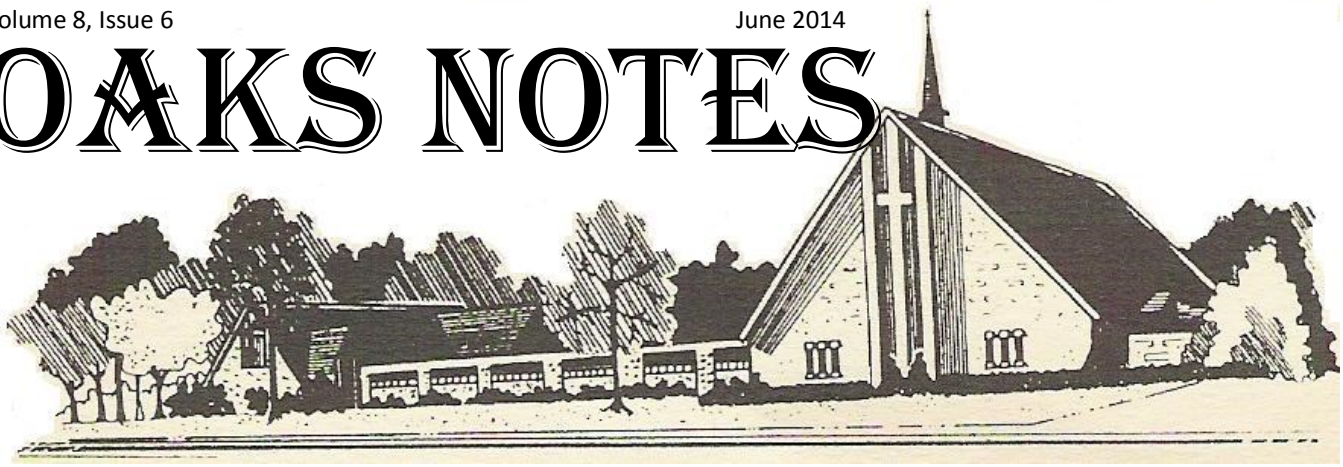
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OAKS NOTES



Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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A Note from Pastor Don



For the past several months, my drive to work has been very stressful. We've actually had three flat tires in two months! The highway I take (Hwy 290), a very large highway here in Houston, is being torn up so they can make it bigger. Overpasses are being destroyed. Two and three lanes are being blocked off so they can add more! Houston's population growth does have its drawbacks.

In one of the local newspapers, a couple of months ago, I was reading how a large construction company and the county have agreed to work together in the building of 290 and its bridges and overpasses. It sounded great until they realized the elevated toll roads the county was building would not fit together when you needed to exit onto 290. They just didn't fit!

Both had great sets of plans… both would work… they just wouldn't work with each other, which was what was required! They have never had communicated with each other and that part of the building process was put on hold while the builders went back to the drawing board and came up with one set of designs that would work.

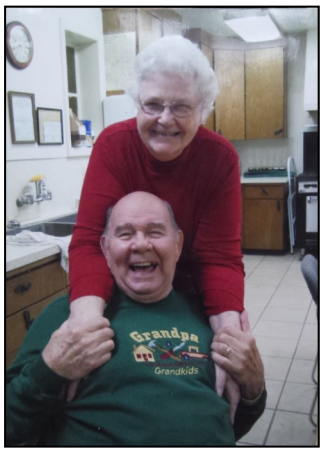
Communication is important in every area of life. And especially in the body of Christ! God can give one of us a wonderful idea "and" give the other person sitting across the pew a great idea as well. But so often… these ideas, seem to conflict. It's up to us to mold them together and share the things God is telling us, and work them out.

Sometimes, we need to be reminded that we are called the "body" of Christ for a reason. And for the body to work together as it should… all those different parts must work together! There will be times we disagree. Peter and Paul are great saints of the church! But they had vicious disagreements! However, they worked them out! They didn't turn into those kind of people who decided not to speak to one another or hold grudges. That kind of behavior is just for children.

If those two builders decided not to work together, I'm sure a third party would be awarded the contract and get the reward. Like I said, there will be times when the progress in our lives slows down due to construction. God wants us to grow, and helps us to grow, but it's very possible



SPECIAL RECOGNITION



There will be a special recognition Sunday, June 8, as Don and Billie Murray receive their Elder Emeritus pins. It is the highest honor the Disciples Church can give a member for service and commitment.

The Murrays have attended Oaks for 50 years, and Barb Scantlin said the nominating committee thought it only natural to select the couple for the honor.

"Don and Billie have been members for a long time and have worked very hard in the church doing whatever was needed," Scantlin said, "shining as servants of God, holding leadership positions, and lifting us up spiritually."

To celebrate their achievement, Oaks will recognize them during Sunday's worship and host a lunch in Kirchner afterwards.

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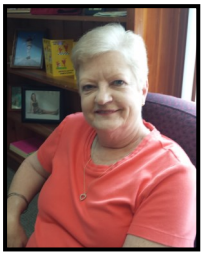
Members may have noticed significant changes around the education wing lately. That's because PACE Preparatory Academy has officially moved in. To prepare for their first summer session, which started June 2, the day school made various improvements to the classrooms, including new fire alarm systems, new locks, and a fresh coat of paint to the classroom doors. They also improved the playground area by adding mulch (and some new toys!). Oaks would like to welcome the students and teachers to the church campus and wish them a blessed summer!

If you are interested in knowing more about PACE, please contact their office at 713-686-8081.



MEMBERS BEGIN SUMMER WITH FUN, RELAXATION

School is out, the Houston humidity is back in full force, and for many people, vacations are just around the corner. Believe it or not, summer is here yet again! To celebrate the sunshine and fun, we asked some of our members what their special plans were for the upcoming months.



"I am going to the College World Series in Omaha, NE. My husband, Bill and I and our kids have been going since 1995. We really like college baseball and watching the young men play because they love the game and not the money for playing."
-Barb Scantlin



"I am going to church camp this month, and I am starting band practices at Magnolia West High School." **-Frank Duplechain**

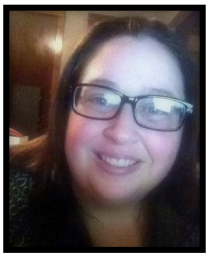
"I have church camp, and I want to see those friends. And, I will be waiting for my Septem-



"I bought a Schwinn three-wheeler bike with a basket, so I can ride bikes with the grandkids. I also bought a bell to put on my handlebars."
-Jimmye Saldivar



"As boring as this sounds, but super productive for me, is that I am cleaning out. I am doing a strong spring, summer cleaning! I am getting rid of stuff!"
-Katie Spencer

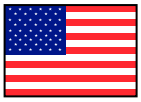


"This summer is bringing lots of new things for us. We are making lots of changes to get ready for the boys to go back to public school this fall. Magnolia ISD...Look out! Our schedule is filling up way too fast. But, such is the life of families with teenagers."



For most of the summer we will be here, just doing what we do and trying to stay cool. We will go to the beach over the 4th of July and "try" to take a small vacation to San Antonio maybe at the end of July or the very beginning of August."

JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship	2	3	4 Choir @ 7 pm	5	6 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	7
8 Sun School @ 9:30; Worship@ 10:45; Murray Recognition w/ lunch afterwards	9	10 Prayer Circle @ 9:30 am; CWF Mtg. @ 10 am	11 Choir @ 7 pm	12	13 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	14 Flag Day 
15 Sun School @ 9:30; Worship @ 10:45; *Father's Day;* Dialysis Support Grp.	16 Journey Jammers Music Practice @ 6:30-9:30 pm	17	18 Choir @ 7 pm	19 Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 pm	20 Boy Scout Mtg. @ 7:30 pm; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	21
22 Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am	23	24	25 Choir @ 7 pm	26 Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 pm	27 Renovada Youth Mtg. @ 7-9 pm; Boy Scts @ 7:30; Renovada Bible Study @ 7:30 pm	28 Free Community Lunch @ 12-2 pm
29 Sunday School @ 9:30 am; Worship @ 10:45 am	30					



Happy June Birthdays!

6.2 Bob Simons, Glen Slaven, & Brent Yates
6.7 Mike Powers
6.13 Jeff Swink

Happy June Anniversaries!

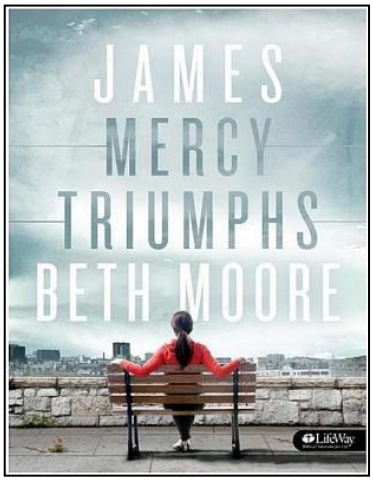
6.7 Glenn and Jill Doremus
6.16 Don and Pat Whitley
6.16 Gene and Agnes Pratt
6. 26 Joan and Robert Roberts
6.26 Ray and Joann Winner



From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account '14	2014 FEBRUARY	2014 MARCH	2014 APRIL
Deposits	$8,589.16	$10,914.71	$9,001.00
Disbursements	$(9,730.42)	$9,517.69	$9,486.38
Difference	$(1,141.26)	$1,397.02	$(485.38)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Looking for something to do this summer? The women at Oaks are invited to study Beth Moore's book, "Mercy Triumphs," a Bible Study on the book of James. This will be a 6-8 week study beginning June 19, with meetings occurring each Thursday night at 6:30 in the Kirchner kitchen. Beth Moore is a well known author and American evangelist who is based in the Houston area. This Bible Study is sure to be a great fellowship opportunity for all women at the church!

Books for this study will need to be ordered in advance, so if you are interested, please contact Barb Scantlin at scantbabs@comcast.net.

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SUMMER SCHEDULES AT OAKS

With the summer months now upon us, some of the organizations at Oaks will have different meeting times until the fall season begins in September. Please make note of the following schedules:



- **CWF:** Meeting only on the second Tuesdays of each month after Prayer Circle. Meetings will be used to make blankets for Children's Hospital.
- **CMF:** Cancelled until Sept.
- **Handbells:** Cancelled until Sept.
- **Tuesday Night Bible Study:** Cancelled until Sept.
- **Girl Scouts:** Cancelled until Sept.